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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. MARTELLUS JONES, MAURICE FISHER, a/k/a REESE, EMILIO GALARZA, a/k/a BOONGO, IRVING MITCHELL a/k/a GOTTI, KAREN PIERCE a/k/a KAREN BURNS a/k/a MOMMA-LOVE, SHAUNCEY GALARZA, DANIELE LIDDLE and EUGENE DAVIS**

**UNITED STATES v. MICHAEL RAY JACKSON and RANDALL PARKER**

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter and Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark announced today the unsealing of two federal indictments, the first against **MARTELLUS JONES, MAURICE FISHER, a/k/a REESE, EMILIO GALARZA, a/k/a BOONGO, IRVING MITCHELL a/k/a GOTTI, KAREN PIERCE a/k/a KAREN BURNS a/k/a MOMMA-LOVE, SHAUNCEY GALARZA, DANIELE LIDDLE, and EUGENE DAVIS** and the second indictment against **MICHAEL RAY JACKSON, and RANDALL PARKER**. Both indictments charge violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, carrying a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of not less than ten years and up to a maximum of life imprisonment, a fine of \$4,000,000.00, or both. Martellus Jones is additionally charged with violating the Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE) statute, Title 21 United States Code Section 848(a) which carries a mandatory

minimum term of imprisonment of not less than twenty years and up to life imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000,000. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (**Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)**).

U.S. Attorney Mehlretter stated that the charges are a result of a joint investigation by federal, state and local law enforcement under the umbrella of Operation Impact and Project Safe Neighborhoods to reduce gun violence on the streets of Buffalo, New York. The indictments charge two groups of defendants engaged in the sale of cocaine and crack cocaine. Additionally, search warrants were executed at 19 locations and three cars were seized.

U.S. Attorney Mehlretter emphasized that today marks the beginning of a multi-agency law enforcement effort to target violent offenders and remove them from the streets. Federal prosecutions will be utilized when federal penalties are more stringent than state offenses as exemplified in the prosecution announced today.

The arrests were the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Nancy Cote', the Buffalo Police Department under the direction of Commissioner Rocco Diina, the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge David DeJoe, the U.S. Marshals Service under the direction of U.S. Marshal Peter Lawrence, the New York State Police under the direction of Major Michael Manning, and the New York State Division of Parole under the direction of Tim Wolcott.

The evidence was presented to the Federal Grand Jury by Joel Violanti, Assistant United States Attorney who will be handling the case.

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